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MAYOR JERRY SANDERS FACT SHEET

NEW WEBSITE HELPS TRACK STIMULUS FUNDS

*Mayor Unveils Resource for Gathering Public Input
and Monitoring Stimulus Money Coming to San Diego*

Mayor Jerry Sanders has unveiled a new website that will allow San Diegans to offer their suggestions for making the most of the federal stimulus money coming to the region. The new site will also allow residents to track the stimulus funds as they are used for projects around San Diego. The new website was created as a resource for anyone interested in monitoring the stimulus program and is part of the Mayor's continuing pledge to maintain transparency and up-to-date information about the program. The new website address is www.sandiego.gov/stimulus.

"This new website is an important part of my promise to keep San Diegan's informed about the federal stimulus money coming our way. We worked very hard to ensure that our region gained access to the stimulus program and we want everyone to know how these funds are being used. This is a joint venture between the City, the business community and the other agencies involved in putting these funds to use and will let everyone stay involved in our work."

Mayor Jerry Sanders

MAYOR SANDERS AND LOCAL LEADERS PREPARING FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS

Mayor Sanders has led a region-wide effort to secure funding from the federal stimulus package authorized under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Mayor, other elected

officials and business leaders have travelled to Washington DC in order to describe and secure funding for important projects planned throughout the region. The group has prioritized their lobbying efforts for projects ready to begin in support of regional transportation improvements, water system and supply upgrades, housing and foreclosure assistance efforts, public safety and border infrastructure development. Substantial additional funding from the ARRA is expected for each of these areas in the near future.

PUBLIC INVITED TO HELP MAXIMIZE BENEFITS OF STIMULUS FUNDS

The new website includes a “contact us” feature (stimulus@sanidiego.gov) that will let San Diegans provide their ideas about how to maximize the benefits coming from the stimulus funds. Though the funding from the ARRA is limited to specific categories, Mayor Sanders is encouraging local residents to offer suggestions about how the funds are applied to projects. “We want to hear every idea about getting the most out of our stimulus funds,” said the Mayor. “We don’t want to miss any opportunity to improve the way they’re managed or used on the critical projects they’re intended for,” he said.

COUNCIL SUPPORT CRITICAL TO MOVING PROJECTS FORWARD

In addition to engaging business and community leaders in securing stimulus funds, Mayor Sanders has also worked with the City Council to ensure eligible projects in the City will get attention and approval as stimulus funds become available. The Mayor has worked with Councilmember Tony Young, Chair of the Council Committee on Budget and Finance, to establish the tracking process needed for both the funds and the projects they will support.

Councilmember Young is an ardent supporter of the City’s ongoing public communication effort regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and worked with the Mayor to establish the new website.

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